

Listing and Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace the claims that were published in the PCT Application and annexed to the International Preliminary Report on Patentability:

1. (currently amended) Method of navigation within a collection of sound documents stored in a reproduction apparatus furnished with a display device, comprising

- a step of storage of each sound document of the collection,
- a step of analysis of the documents stored so as to determine audio parameters specific to each document, the method is characterized in that it comprises the following steps:

- positioning of graphics identifiers corresponding to at least part of the sound documents on a graphics page of the display device, the position of each graphics identifier being dependent on the parameters calculated previously for a given document,

- automatic navigation by selecting and by reproducing successively the sound documents according to a strategy taking into account the position of the graphics identifiers of the documents in the graphics page and a geometric characteristic specific to the reproduction apparatus, the total duration of the navigation being equal to the sum of the durations of the stored documents reproductions.

2. (currently amended) Method of navigation according to Claim 1; ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it comprises a step of determination of groups of documents possessing close parameter values, the graphics identifiers associated with the documents of a group having a similitude.

3. (currently amended) Method of navigation according to Claim 1 ~~or~~ 2; ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it comprises a step of reception of a command for instigating navigation by specifying the navigation strategy used by the reproduction apparatus for automatically chaining the reproduction of the documents.

4. (currently amended) Method of navigation according to Claim ~~1 or 2~~; ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it comprises a step of determination by the reproduction apparatus of a navigation strategy for automatically chaining the reproduction of the documents.

5. (currently amended) Method of navigation according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~ Claim 1; ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the navigation consists in automatically selecting and reproducing the documents whose graphics identifiers are situated in proximity to a straight line segment between a starting point and a finishing point, the first document selected being that situated on the starting point or being that closest to the said point.

6. (currently amended) Method of navigation according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~ Claim 1; ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the navigation consists in automatically selecting and reproducing the documents whose graphics identifiers are situated in proximity to a geometric shape consisting of a line commencing from a starting point and ending at an edge of the screen, the first document selected being that situated on the starting point or being that closest to the said point.

7. (currently amended) Method of navigation according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 4~~ Claim 1; ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it comprises a prior step of determination of a subset of graphics identifiers, the automatic navigation consisting in selecting randomly and successively each of the documents associated with the graphics identifiers of the said subset.

8. (currently amended) Method of navigation according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1; ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it comprises a step of displaying the number of documents reproduced according to the determined strategy.

9. (currently amended) Method of navigation according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1; ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it comprises a step of displaying the serial number of the document undergoing reproduction.

10. (currently amended) Reproduction apparatus ~~(4)~~ comprising a central unit ~~(3)~~, a means of reception of sound documents ~~(5,6; 4)~~ , a means of storage of the documents received ~~(9)~~, a means of introduction of a user command ~~(7,8)~~, a means of analysis ~~(3,12)~~ of the documents stored so as to determine parameters specific to each document, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it comprises: a means of display ~~(3,10,11,12)~~ of a graphics page of the graphics identifiers corresponding to part at least of the sound documents stored, the position of the graphics identifiers of each document being dependent on the previously calculated parameters, and a means of navigation ~~(3,12)~~ for the automatic chaining of the reproduction of the documents according to a determined strategy taking into account the position of the graphics identifiers of the documents within the graphics page and a geometric characteristic specific to the reproduction apparatus, said navigation means chaining the reproduction of the documents during a total duration of the navigation equal to the sum of the durations of the stored documents reproductions.

11. (currently amended) Reproduction apparatus according to Claim 10; ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it comprises a means of determination ~~(3,12)~~ of groups of documents possessing close parameter values, the graphics identifiers associated with the documents of a group having a similitude.

12. (currently amended) Reproduction apparatus according to Claim 10 ~~or 11~~; ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it comprises a means of reception ~~(7,8)~~ of a command for instigating navigation by specifying the navigation strategy used by the reproduction apparatus for automatically chaining the reproduction of the documents.

13. (currently amended) Reproduction apparatus according to Claim 10 ~~or 11~~; ~~characterized in that~~ wherein it comprises a means of determination ~~(3,12)~~ by the reproduction apparatus of a navigation strategy for automatically chaining the reproduction of the documents.

14. (currently amended) Reproduction apparatus according to ~~any one of Claims 10 to 13~~ Claim 10; ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the means of navigation ~~(3,12)~~ selects and reproduces the documents whose graphics identifiers are situated in

proximity to a straight line segment between a starting point and a finishing point, the first document selected being that situated on the starting point or being that closest to the said point.

15. (currently amended) Reproduction apparatus according to ~~any one of Claims 10 to 13~~ Claim 10; ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the means of navigation (3,12) selects and reproduces the documents whose graphics identifiers are situated in proximity to a geometric shape consisting of a line commencing from a starting point and ending at an edge of the screen, the first document selected being that situated on the starting point or being that closest to the said point.

16. (currently amended) Reproduction apparatus according to ~~any one of Claims 10 to 13~~ Claim 10; ~~characterized in that wherein~~ it comprises a means of determination (3,12) of a subset of graphics identifiers, the means of navigation selecting randomly and successively each of the documents associated with the graphics identifiers of the said subset.

17. (currently amended) Reproduction apparatus according to ~~any one of Claims 10 to 16~~ Claim 10; ~~characterized in that wherein~~ it comprises a means of display (3,10,11,12) of the number of documents reproduced according to the strategy determined by the means of navigation.

18. (currently amended) Reproduction apparatus according to ~~any one of Claims 10 to 17~~ Claim 10; ~~characterized in that wherein~~ it comprises a means of display (3,10,11,12) of the serial number of the document undergoing reproduction.